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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants submit this paper in response to the final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 21, 2006, in the above-identified patent application.

This paper is being submitted along with a Supplemental Application Data Sheet. Applicants believe that no fee is due; however, if any fee is due upon submission of this paper, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

A **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper (no claim amendments are made herein).

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.